

MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPHS:

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] The present application ~~claims priority from~~ is a
continuation-in-part of International Application
No. PCT/JP01/03417 which was published in Japanese on November
1, 2001, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by
reference herein.

REMARKS

Entry of the above-noted amendment to the specification prior to the examination of this application is respectfully requested. The amendment is to correct an inadvertent omission in the Cross-Reference to Related Applications. More particularly, the amended specification now makes clear that this application is a continuation-in-part of the applicants' prior international application, which fact is correctly noted in applicants' transmittal letter forwarding this application for filing, as well as on the filing receipt for this application. Accordingly, no new matter has been added to the specification by this amendment.

If, for any reason, the Examiner believes that the entry of this amendment cannot be made at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicants' undersigned counsel at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any such objection the Examiner might have.

No fee is believed necessary for this amendment. However, if there are any fees to be incurred in connection herewith, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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